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1. The standard of living of factory workers and average residents of Khabarovsk has improved recently. Staple commodities, which are distributed according to a ration system, are in adequate supply. Vegetables, some fruits and milk are not rationed and are fairly plentiful. Potatoes, a staple crop, began to appear on the open market in the latter part of March 1948.
2. The main area of vegetable production in Khabarovsk is the section between the Khor and Vyhzemski railroad stations. Vegetables are also grown along the Amur River, and some gardens are planted in the center of the city.
3. The two areas near Khabarovsk known as the "Vyhzemski" and "Bikin" Districts are important to the food supply of the city. Plans have been made to plant 1,500 hectares (3706.5 acres) of rice in these areas, which are favored with generally warm weather and a plentiful water supply.
4. At present there are approximately 1,000 Chinese and Korean families living in the Vyhzemski and Bikin districts. They are a portion of the large number of Chinese and Koreans who came to Khabarovsk from the Hulin (133-38, 45-59) area of Manchuria after the end of the war. These residents are subject to various types of discrimination by the native farmers and the Soviet agricultural instructors.
5. The following prices prevailed at the Farmers' Bazaar (sic) in Khabarovsk during the latter part of March 1948:

Item	Unit	Price
Bread	400 grams	4 rubles 50 kopecks
Sugar	1 catty	5 rubles 70 kopecks
Eggs	each	- 65 kopecks
Salt	1 kilogram	- 40 kopecks
Meat	1 kilogram	8 to 15 rubles
Cheese	1 kilogram	19 rubles
Butter	1 kilogram	25 rubles
Leeks	1 kilogram	2 rubles
Potatoes	1 kilogram	2 rubles

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